International Anti-Corruption Academy

2026 Annual Conference
Global Trends and Challenges in Preventing and Combating Corruption

Call for papers

The International Anti-Corruption Academy announce a call for high quality empirical research papers in English focused on topics related to:

- the role of AI and other emerging technologies in preventing and combating corruption;
- integrity, anti-corruption, and compliance in sport;
- safeguarding children and youth in sport;
- integrity, anti-corruption, and compliance in the humanitarian aid sector;
- stolen asset recovery, return, and management.

Benefits for authors

Selected papers will be reviewed according to the IACA's internal procedures and will be published in the IACA Research Paper Series.

The authors of the four best papers will have the opportunity to present their work at IACA's 2025 Annual Conference on Global Trends and Challenges in Preventing and Combating Corruption, which will take place on 12 November 2026.

Key dates

- submission of abstract by 31 August 2026;
- results notified by 14 September 2026;
- presentation at the IACA's Annual Conference on Global Trends and Challenges in Preventing and Combating Corruption on 12 November 2026;
- submission of final paper for review and publication by 15 December 2026.

Submission guidelines

Please submit your abstract outlining the key findings and methodology of your paper (maximum 500 words), along with the author's bio (maximum 300 words) and your complete contact information (author's name, academic degree (if any), affiliation, email address, and phone number) by 31 August 2026 to: research@iaca.int

Proposals will be evaluated by IACA's panel of experts, who will apply the following criteria:

- relevance to the topics:
  - the role of AI and other emerging technologies in preventing and combating corruption;
  - integrity, anti-corruption, and compliance in sport or in the humanitarian aid sector;
  - safeguarding children and youth in sport;
  - stolen asset recovery and management.
- research methodology;
- innovative results and proposals that can be used to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of anti-corruption measures, integrity and compliance programmes;
- critical academic thinking.

IACA will notify all authors of the results by 14 September 2026.

Full papers should be submitted by 15 December 2026. Submissions must include a confirmation of exclusive submission (an exclusive license agreement signed by the author). The papers will be reviewed by 15 February 2027. IACA will notify all authors about any suggestions for changes and decisions on publication. Authors should cooperate with IACA in the peer review process and consider the comments, questions, and suggestions of reviewers.

Full papers should comply with the following requirements:

- The paper should be approximately 4.000 – 8.000 words, including footnotes.

- The paper should be submitted in Word format.
- The paper should follow the Harvard Referencing System (Harvard Style).
- Any changes to the title proposed in the approved abstract must be agreed upon with IACA.
- Author(s) first and last name(s) should be indicated under the title.
- Abstract should be maximum 300 words.
- Text should include a table of contents, an introduction, and a summary.
- The bibliography should list all sources used in the article in alphabetic order (author(s), year of publication, title).
- The author's bio should be maximum 300 words with contact email (optional).

  The paper should be in A4 format with Lucida Sans font (12-point)) and 1.5-line spacing.